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VALLEY PATRIOT 18TH ANNIVERSARY BASH! SCHOLARSHIP & AWARD NIGHT

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

DINNER BY SALVATORES

6PM: DINNER - MUSIC BY RICK BELLANTI

7PM: Melvern Taylor: "PAYING ATTENTION"

WELCOME: Jana Zanni Pesce

VALLEY PATRIOT HERO VETERAN AWARD

(1) LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL JRROTC

(2) SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP

(3) STUDIO 21/METHUEN HIGH COMMUNITIONS SCHOLARSHIP

(4) GREATER LAWRENCE TECH. SCHOLARSHIP

TOM DUGGAN'S REMARKS

SCOTT CLEGG GOODWILL AMBASSADOR AWARD

AAA PRESENTATION

COMEDY BY ERIC SPAGNOLI

ROAST BY DEBO BROWN

OCTAVIAN SPANNER/MAYOR DEPENA

**(5&6) MICHELLE DELUCA BENEDETTI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
& DAN STRANGE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
HAVERHILL HIGH (CRIMINAL JUSTICE)**

(7) WHITTIER STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

(8) DAN COADY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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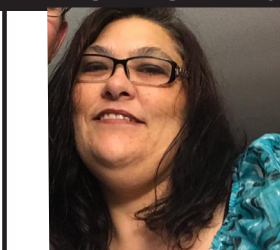


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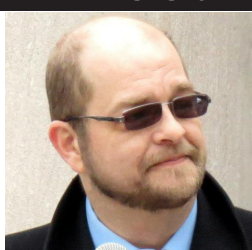


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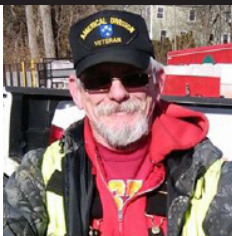
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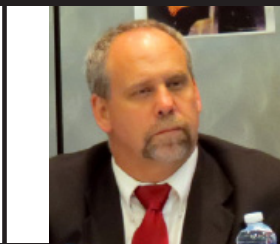
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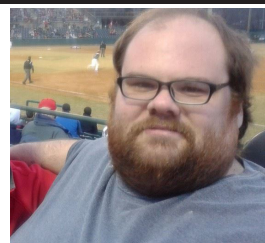
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Scholarships for Lawrence High School Seniors

Katerin Ucles JrROTC

Katerin Ucles

Age 18

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JROTC 4 years

Assignment

Battalion Commander Rank. Cadet

Lieutenant Colonel

Accepted to Assumption University,

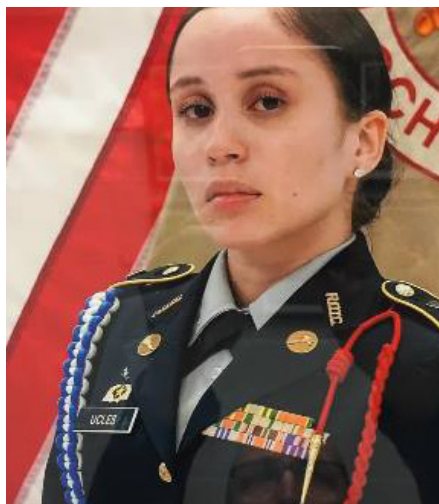
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Waiting to hear from UMASS Amherst

this is the school she wants to attend to
study criminal justice.

In process of enlisting into the Mas-
sachusetts Army National Guard with
hopes of being A Military Police Officer



Because of our sponsors, this is the 10th year The Valley Patriot is able to give college scholarships to Lawrence High School seniors through the LHS Alumni Association. Because of YOUR support we've donated scholarships to 14! students from LHS.

Tonight, we make that 16! Thank you to Veteran Eugene Smith for helping us keep this scholarship going every year!!

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2022 Studio 21 Podcast Cafe Scholarship Winner

Brianna Trachtenberg Methuen High

I'm Brianna Trachtenberg and I am a graduating senior at Methuen High School. I am in the National Honors Society, History Honors Society, and Science National Honors Society. I am also a member of the Methuen High School marching and concert band. Throughout high school I have been on the honor roll list. I am also the president of my temple's youth group. Next year I plan to attend Quinnipiac University and major in Journalism. When I'm not in school I like to play golf and watch a lot of Boston sports.

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Michelle DeLuca Benedetti Memorial Scholarship (Haverhill High)

Maxwell Bourque

Maxwell Bourque is graduating from Haverhill High School and will be attending American International College in Springfield, MA next fall.

He was recruited by AIC to play football and is majoring in Criminal Justice. Max is an accomplished 3 season, 4-year varsity athlete for HHS. He played linebacker for the football team and competed on the winter and spring track teams. He works 30 hours a week at the Sylvan Street Grille in Salisbury while maintaining solid academic status in honors and Early College classes.



The Michelle DeLuca Benedetti Memorial Scholarship was established by her brother Ken DeLuca with a \$500 donation to a Haverhill High School Senior going into Criminal Justice or Social Work in the fall.

Michelle (DeLuca) Benedetti, 51, wife of Joseph A. Benedetti, passed away May 30, 2019 at High Pointe Hospice in Haverhill after a courageous battle with cancer. Her long fight didn't define her, however, nor did it slow her down. She made every moment count, right up to the last. She was surrounded by her loving family. Michelle obtained her Master's Degree from University of Massachusetts, Lowell. For 21 years she was employed with the State of Massachusetts in the Department of Children and Families as a Social Worker and Supervisor, working in the Haverhill Office since 2001.



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2019

Winner of the Dan Strange Memorial Scholarship \$1,000!

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The Valley Patriot's Dan Coady, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Four years ago, one of our readers, Al Veilleux donated \$500 to start a scholarship in memory of Dan Coady Jr. who was killed in tragic accident on Rt. 495 just a week before our annual BASH in 2018. Each year Al asks that we keep the Dan Coady Memorial Scholarship going for students who attended the Thomson Grammar School in North Andover where at least one of Dan Coadys children attended at the time. Al's goal was to keep this scholarship going every year in the hopes that Dan's children will be able to receive this scholarship when they graduate from High School.



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Patrick Coady

Patrick Coady is a graduating senior at North Andover High School and grew up all around North Andover.

“My remarkable group of friends and the constant support from my family has made my past four years at NAHS something I am proud to say I won’t ever forget. Since my Freshman year, I have become proud member of the GSA, and actively involved myself in my school’s Concert Choir.

Most recently Patrick joined the High School’s Honor Choir, Scarlet and Black. When he graduates from North Andover High in a few short months, he says his hope is to begin studying Culinary Arts at Johnson and Wales University in Rhode Island.



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2020 GLTS Scholarship Winner

Giancy and Yeranly Batista Jesus

Giancy and Yeranly Batista Jesus the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Luis Batista of Methuen, MA. Both Giancy and Yeranly are students at Greater Lawrence Regional Technical High School. Giancy is currently studying in the Dental Assisting career program and Yeranly is studying in the Medical Assisting career program. Yeranly and Giancy will both be attending Middlesex Community College in the fall and will study further in their career areas.



Giancy and Yeranly have been successful in their coursework at Greater Lawrence. Giancy has a 4.37 GPA and is currently ranked 3rd and Yeranly has a 4.17 GPA and is ranked 10th out of a class of 397 students in the Class of 2022. Yeranly and Giancy have never backed away from an academic challenge and are currently enrolled in our dual enrollment classes in English and History through Middlesex Community College. Giancy was awarded the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Book Award as a junior. Giancy and Yeranly were both awarded a John and Abigail Adams Scholarship due to their outstanding performance on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment Exams.

Yeranly and Giancy have been members of the Reggie Leaders Program and the Rising Leader Club helping to mentor new underclassmen as they transition to GLTS. They have also volunteered at numerous school functions and community facilities through their different career areas. Giancy is currently employed through our school's cooperative education program at the Methuen Smiles Dental Office and Yeranly at the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center Vaccine Clinic.

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2022 Whittier Scholarship Winner

Grace Parsons



Grace Parsons is a Haverhill resident and a senior at Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School. Grace is an exceptional student who ranks at the top of her class and is enrolled in Whittier's most challenging courses. Her vocational program is culinary arts. Outside of the classroom, Grace is a peer leader, volleyball athlete and a member of the chess club. Additionally, she is an inductee to the elite National Technical Honor Society and a shift lead at the local Chick-Fil-A.

Grace and her family recently endured a devastating loss. Grace's dad passed away unexpectedly from Co-vid in January. It is Grace's desire to make her dad proud by being the first college graduate in their family.

Even in the face of this recent tragedy, Grace continues to excel and remain positive about her future. After her graduation from Whittier, Grace plans to attend Johnson and Wales University in Providence, R.I. to continue pursuing her culinary passion.

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2022 Special Needs Scholarship

Cassie Buonanno

Cassie is Autistic and has ADHD. She is a graphic communications student at the Gr. Lawrence Tech School in Andover. Cassie says she never thought she would be going to college with her disabilities but has been accepted to FIRST Institute to pursue a digital media degree. She says her outside interest is acting in plays at Acting Out. Cassie's mom is an alumnus of the school who graduated in 1994. Because of a medical procedure she is now on a trachia and a ventilator, confined to a wheelchair. Unfortunately she will not be able to see me graduate. Cassie lives with her "Bubbe and Papa" (Brenda and John Rozzi) "who have brought me up and have always been there to help and guide me in all of my endeavors. I want to thank them for always being there for me."



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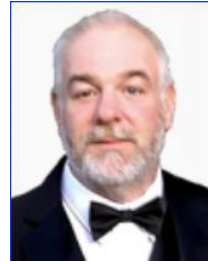
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SCOTT CLEGG GOODWILL AMBASSADOR AWARD

A few years ago we lost a great friend and life long supporter of The Valley Patriot, Scott Clegg. Scott was a man who went out of his way to donate his time, money and resources to helping those less fortunate as well as honoring veterans, and being active in the community. We are named our Goodwill Ambassador Award for Scott so that people will always remember the goodwill he brought to our community.



Once called the Honorable Mention Award, The Goodwill Ambassador Award was given to TWO people who do not necessarily work for The Valley Patriot but act as goodwill ambassadors in the community. This Award was retired a few years ago and rolled into the President's Award until the passing of Scott Clegg who was the ultimate community service advocate in Lawrence.

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

(2013) Mike Grammont & Tracey Zysk

(2014) Rich Russel & Shawn Hansen

(2015) John Bergeron & Gracemarie & Joyce Tomaselli

(2016) Jack Roy & Mike & Candy Colizzi

(2017) No Nominees * (2018) No Nominees

(2019) Michael Gorman and the kids of TMF, Carina Pappalardo

(2020-2021) COVID HYSTERIA

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***OFFICER TOM DUGGAN SR. PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD**

On March 16, 1990, Lawrence Police Officer Tom Duggan Sr. lost his life in the line of duty. He was a man who loved being a police officer and lived his life responding to cries for help in the community. While he worked on many major cases and high profile crimes, he always said that it was the day to day work he did on and off duty to help people in small ways that really made his job worth doing. This year we honor his service and sacrifice with "The Valley Patriot, Officer Tom Duggan Sr., Law Enforcement Award." The award is given to members of public safety (police or fire) and/or one civilian who honors the service and personal sacrifice police officers and firefighters make every day. Officer Duggan believed that those little extra things we do in life to help others ... make the biggest differences in people's lives at the end of the day and makes the world around us a better place.

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- (2014) Amesbury Police Officer Jason Kookan & Lawrence Firefighter Manny Gonzalez
- (2015) Ret. Woburn Police Officer Bob DiNapoli & Lawrence Fire Chief Brian Murphy
- (2016) Lawrence Police Officer Mike Laliberte & N. Andover Police Sgt. Dan Lanen, Lawrence Firefighter James Driscoll
- (2017) Methuen Police Chief Tim Sheehy & Haverhill Police Officer Guy Cooper
- (2018) Lawrence Police Sgt Mike Simard, Lawrence Police Lt. Jim Raso, & North Andover Police Chief Charles Gray Lawrence Firefighter William Pagan
- (2019) Lawrence Police Lt. Sean Conway, Lawrence Police Officer Carl Farrington, Lawrence Firefighter Mike Maglio
- (2020-2021) Covid Hysteria

2020 NOMINEES

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Because honoring Veterans is so much a part of what we do at The Valley Patriot, tonight we honor people who themselves honor our hero service men and women here at home. With the passing of our good friend and hero Vetran John Ratka this year we have decided to name this award (which he won last year) the John Ratka Hero Veteran Award. Tonight we honor John and at least two two veterans who not only served their country overseas but continued to serve their country here at home. Whether it's public service, or helping other veterans, tonight's recipients are men who embody what service and sacrifice are all about.



John Ratka

PREVIOUS WINNERS: (2013) David Swarbrick, John Lenottee, & Helen Mooradkanian
(2014) Francisco Urena & Tom Fallon. (2015) Bruce Arnold Salvucci, John MacDonald & Eric Nelson
(2016) J.T. Torres - Donald Jarvis - John Ratka -(2017) Randy Carter and Gerard MaGuire
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HAPPY 18TH ANNIVERSARY!

FRANK MORAN STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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I REMEMBER SO WELL ...

I remember when the very first edition of The Valley Patriot was delivered to my office in Lawrence City Hall back in 2004. I had never seen anything like it. It was a breath of fresh air for free speech in the Lawrence area! Tom, you and your team have come a long way since those days, you ought to be proud!

I also remember taking my share of criticism in the pages of this newspaper, but it was always fair and never personal.

Mostly, I remember when you first unveiled your vision for standards in journalism, how you were laughed at and mocked by the political insiders and the newspaper industry.

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Linda Dean Campbell

A portrait of Linda Dean Campbell, a woman with short brown hair, wearing a blue blazer over a white top.

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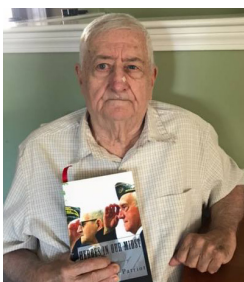
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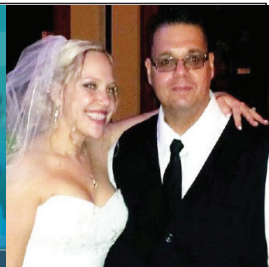


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